

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Indiana as being the First Electrically Lighted City in the World.

Ruppel

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, The Common Council of Wabash, Indiana became actively interested in procuring better lighting facilities for their town during the winter of 1879-1880;

Whereas, Until March 31, 1880, the city of Wabash, Indiana was lighted by gas street lamps;

Whereas, From the towering dome of the Court House at 8:00 P.M. on March 31, 1880, burst a flood of lights that made world history;

Whereas, Over 10,000 people witnessed this event including reporters, representing both area newspapers and large cities, were present to cover the event, the result of which could prove revolutionary when it came to a practical means of lighting the streets of an entire town;

Whereas, Houses and yards were distinctly visible for a mile around and the Wabash River glowed like a band of molten silver;



Whereas, As a result of Mr. Charles F. Brush of Cleveland, Ohio, and his experimenting with a new electric arclight, known as the "Brush Light," the idea of electrically lighting the city emerged;

Whereas, After the successful test of the "Brush Light" on March 31, 1880, two-thirds of the members of the Common Council concurred "that the Brush Electric Light and the same is hereby accepted upon conditions under guarantees approved by the Council";

Whereas, The one remaining Brush Lamp, one of the original four lamps of 3,000 candle-power exhibited in the foyer of the Court House, has the distinction of being a part of the first municipally owned electric plant; and

Whereas, The city of Wabash, Indiana has the distinction of being the first town in the world to be wholly lighted by electricity: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives do
- 2 recognize the city of Wabash, Indiana as being the First Electrically
- 3 Lighted City in the World.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit copies of this Resolution to Representative
- 6 Bill Ruppel, the Honorable Robert Vanlandingham, Mr. Charles S.
- 7 Brush III, and the Court House, Wabash, Indiana.

